

Michael F. Easley
Governor



State of North Carolina
Office of the Governor

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**
Date: November 5, 2004

Contact: Sara Parsons
Phone: 919/733-5612

**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced the recipients of the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in Central North Carolina.

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service will recognize the 115 recipients from 29 counties on **Tuesday (Nov. 9) at 3 p.m. at the Sunset Avenue Church of God (900 Sunset Avenue) in Asheboro.** The award honors individuals, groups and businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community through volunteer service.

“Volunteers are the driving force behind programs and organizations that assist thousands of North Carolinians every day,” Easley said. “They lend a helping hand to our children, adults, seniors, and at-risk and underserved populations, and give back so much to our communities. This award honors and thanks our volunteers for their invaluable service to our state.”

The statewide volunteer recognition program, established in 1979, is an important part of the history and tradition of volunteerism and community service in North Carolina. Since the program’s inception, more than 15,000 North Carolinians have received the award.

For more information on the Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, visit www.volunteernc.org.

Following are the winner’s from Central North Carolina and contact information:

Alamance County: County Coordinator: Ruth Pruitt 336-437-2000
Wallace Gee (*award given posthumously*)
Grove Park Baptist Church Special Education Ministry
Pastor Ron Harris
The Jack O’Kelley Sertoma Club
Myra St. Clair

Bladen County: County Coordinator: Brenda Gooden 910-862-4591
Kathryn Murdock Page

-more-

Governor's Press Office
State Capitol, Raleigh, NC 27603-8001
(919) 733-5612 - Toll Free 1-800-662-7005
FAX (919) 733-5166